



**TWO
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WISCONSIN

ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Koska Room - Community House
1520 17th Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL

Board Members: Daniel Cortte, Brian Gallagher, Travis Kadow, Erin Lamal, Robert Reed Jr., Jason Scharping, Dorothy Tinkham Delo, Adam Wachowski-Council Rep, Scott Stechmesser-Council Rep

PRESENT

Council Rep Adam Wachowski
Robert Reed
Erin Lamal
Jason Scharping
Travis Kadow
Dorothy Tinkham Delo

ABSENT

Council Rep Scott Stechmesser
Daniel Cortte
Brian Gallagher

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Robert Reed, Seconded by Jason Scharping.

3. CORRESPONDENCE - None

4. COMMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC (Limited to 3 minutes each) - None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Neshotah Beach food truck policy

The current Food Truck Ordinance does not include fees or specific parking areas. The new policy would include a \$250 fee that would cover May 25 - Sept 7. Food Truck Vendors would need to park in designated areas. Spaces would be reserved on a first come first serve basis.

Motion made by Dorothy Tinkham Delo, Seconded by Travis Kadow to approve the new policy with the added changes to add black out dates for special events booked before May 25, and reconfiguration of parking spaces. The motion passed with the proposed changes.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Mike Mathis will be researching matting to put down for vehicles to drive over the beach area itself out to the Jet ski launch area.

7. OTHER BUSINESS - None

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

A. Program and Event Updates

Senior Center - The Senior Center recently hosted several successful events, including a Health Fair that drew over 300 attendees, an evening Cork & Canvas event, and a Thanksgiving Dinner that served more than 100 people. In addition to these special occasions, the center continues to provide a variety of ongoing activities, such as Trust Car rides and regular meal deliveries, ensuring consistent support for the community.

Recreation Programs – We continue to offer a wide range of high-quality, well-attended youth programs, including softball clinics, dance classes, and a newly introduced youth basketball program. For adults, the center provides engaging activities such as multiple yoga classes and pickleball punch cards. Looking ahead to 2025, our Paddling Programs are progressing with the addition of 17 kayaks, the hosting of an adaptive paddling workshop, and the launch of a series of kayak programs. Additionally, the golf simulator is fully operational and available for rentals, with a recent feature in the HTR showcasing its success.

Special Events - We've already raised over \$15,000 in sponsorships for the 2025 concert series! The lineup includes 6 Bands on the Beach and 14 Concerts in the Park. The Friday Night Live concert series is also in the works, with 10 bands expected to perform. Holiday events are in full swing, featuring the Central Park East Christmas Tree Decorating Contest, Letters to Santa, and preparations for the Cool City Christmas on December 14, offering fun for the entire family.

B. Parks & Facilities Updates

A lot of winterizing has been completed at the parks, including the closure of bathrooms, fish cleaning stations, fountains, and the splash pad. Snow fencing has also been installed at the beach. In preparation for the holiday season, downtown has been decorated, the ice rink installed, and Cool City Christmas preparations are underway. At Paddlers Park, nine new trees were planted, and final touches were made on the golf simulator. Picnic Hill has undergone a cleanup, with tree removal and the installation of 10 new concrete pads for the Disc Golf course. Additionally, the Vietnam Park dugout was torn down due to arson, and the recrowning of Red Field was completed.

C. Planning & Grants Updates

Grants - Several new grants will enhance our community's parks and recreational spaces: a \$100,000 grant from the West Foundation, along with \$20,000 from the Room Tax Commission, will fund the installation of new climbing equipment at Neshotah Park. This will feature Wisconsin's first-ever climbing wall and bamboo forest of its kind! Additionally, a \$25,000 Urban Forestry Grant for 2025 will support forestry education, events, and tree planting and care initiatives. Lastly, a \$3,000 Packers Foundation Grant will help build a new dugout on the gold field at Vietnam Park, in partnership with TRHS construction and art classes.

Planning - The 2025 approved Capital Improvements will focus on several key upgrades across our facilities. These include the replacement of the Neshotah Beach tractor and lawnmowers, as well as the installation of new windows in the Senior Center offices. The gym will receive a new stage curtain and window coverings, while the rotary pavilion will be fitted with new cover fabric. Playground repairs and mulch replenishment will also be completed, along with concrete and wood repairs at the JC shelter. Additionally, warning tracks will be installed at Vietnam fields, and audio/visual equipment improvements will be made to the Behringer Room.

A storage building has been acquired by the City that Parks & Rec has been able to utilize for much needed storage.

*See attached slideshow for details and pictures.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE ADVISORY RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS

Additional Recreation Board members needed.

10. NEXT MEETING

January 8, 2025

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Dorothy Tinkham Delo, Seconded by Travis Kadow.

Respectfully submitted by:
Laura Hoag